

CHAPTER NO. 1117

SENATE BILL NO. 502

By Atchley, McNally, Gilbert

Substituted for: House Bill No. 887

By Dunn, Burchett, Boyer, Ritchie, Bittle, Tindell, Armstrong

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of special license plates commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Knoxville Zoo.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(3), is amended by adding a new item thereto, as follows:

() Knoxville Zoo, 50th anniversary;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203, is amended by adding a new item thereto, as follows:

Knoxville Zoo, 50th anniversary -- twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated item:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and paying the regular fee applicable to motor vehicles and the fee provided for in §55-4-203, shall be issued a special license plate commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Knoxville Zoo, either for an automobile, recreational vehicle, or a truck of one-half (1/2) or three-quarter (3/4) ton rating.

(b) The special plates provided for in this section shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of §55-4-202, shall contain an appropriate logo commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Knoxville Zoo and shall be designed in consultation with the Board of Directors of the Knoxville Zoo and the Department of Safety. The special plates shall include a unique identifying number, whereby the total characters do not exceed the sum of six (6); provided, that no two (2) recipients shall receive identical plates.

(c)(1) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to mean that any eligible person shall be prevented from exchanging a regular type plate for one of special design; provided, that the fees prescribed under §55-4-203 are paid.

(2) The whole or part of the fee for a special registration plate shall not be refunded for the exchange of a regular plate.

(d) Additional special license fee plates may be obtained by any eligible person upon payment of the regular license fee for plates, as prescribed under §55-4-111, plus the payment of the fee prescribed in §55-4-203.

(e)(1) Special plates issued pursuant to this section may be transferred to another vehicle of the same weight class owned or leased by the same person upon proper application being made therefor and approved by the Department of Safety.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to whom such plates have been issued to knowingly permit them to be displayed on any vehicle, except such as authorized by the department.

(f)(1) The funds derived from the sale of the special license plates commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Knoxville Zoo, less the expense the state has incurred in designing and manufacturing such plates, shall be deposited in a special fund in the general fund to be used exclusively to support programs, events and activities administered or sponsored by the Knoxville Zoological Gardens. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration shall make grants to the Knoxville Zoological Gardens for such programs from moneys available in the special fund.

(2) There is hereby established a general fund reserve to be allocated by the General Appropriations Act which shall be known as the Knoxville Zoological Gardens endowment fund. Moneys from the fund may be expended to fund activities authorized by this section. Any revenues deposited in this reserve shall remain in the reserve until expended for purposes consistent with this subsection, and shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30. Any excess revenues on interest earned by such revenues shall not revert on any June 30, but shall remain available for appropriation in subsequent fiscal years. Any appropriation from such reserve shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30, but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 55-4-201(b)(1)(B), the special license plates authorized by this section shall be issued subject to the following requirements:

(1) A minimum order of at least five hundred (500) plates.

(2) If the plates authorized by this section have not qualified for initial issuance by July 1, 2000, such plates shall not be issued and the Commissioner of Safety shall notify the Tennessee Code Commission that this section of Tennessee Code Annotated authorizing the issuance of such plates is, on the basis of such inactivity, to be deemed obsolete and invalid.

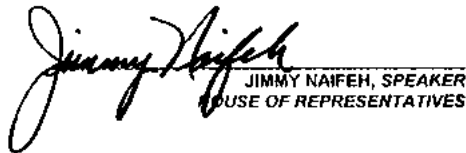
(h) The provisions of subsection (g) shall apply equally to the renewal of the special license plates issued pursuant to this section; provided, however, if such plates fail to meet the minimum requirements of subsection (g) for two (2) successive renewal periods after the initial issuance of such plates, such plates shall not be reissued or renewed, and the Commissioner of Safety shall notify the Tennessee Code Commission that this section of Tennessee Code Annotated authorizing the issuance of such plates is, on the basis of such inactivity, to be deemed obsolete and invalid.

(i) If the plates authorized by this section have not qualified for initial issuance by July 1, 1999, such plates shall not be issued and the Commissioner of Safety shall notify the Tennessee Code Commission that this section of

Tennessee Code Annotated authorizing the issuance of such plates is, on the basis of such inactivity, to be deemed obsolete and invalid.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED: May 1, 1998

APPROVED this day of 1998

DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had Senate Bill No. 502 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.